(b) the dates on which such applications were received, name-wise and date-wise;

(c) the dates on which such telephones were disconnected in each case; and

(d) whether any complaint has been received in this behalf, if so, the details thereof and what action has been taken on such complaints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Sir, No such applications have been received during the first week of June, 1997 for disconnection of telephones working in Mohan Nagar.

(b) to (d) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Post Offices in Tamil Nadu

611. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Panchayats in the State of Tamil Nadu which have demanded for opening of post offices during the last two years;

(b) the total number of post offices opened in that State during the last two years;

(c) the total number of sub-post Offices upgraded into post office in the State during the last two years; and

(d) the total number of post offices Government is planning to open in the entire State of Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Ninety-three (93) Panchayats in the State of Tamil Nadu have demanded for opening of Post Offices during the last two years.

(b) Thirty-five (35) Post Offices opened in that State during the last two years.

(c) (i) No. Sub Post Office was upgraded to Head Post Office in the State during the last two years.

(ii) One Branch Post Office was upgraded to Sub Post Office in the State during the last two years.

(d) The plan target for Tamil Nadu for the year 1998-99 is Ten (10) Extra-Departmental Branch Post Offices and Two (2) Departmental Sub Post Offices.

Post Offices are opened subject to fulfilment of existing norms, availability of resources and plan targets.

Telecommunication Network in Orissa

612. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken towards expansion and modernisation of Telecommunication network in Orissa during Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the programmes proposed in that regard for that State for Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) The information is given in the Statement — I. (*see* below)

(b) and (c) The information is given in the Statement — II. (*see* below)

Statement - I

The important step taken and the achievement towards expansion and modernisation of telecommunication network in Orissa during 8th Five Year Plan is as follows:

— Total equipped switching capacity added	149331
— Total DELs added	118261
— The No. of telephone exchanges added	196
— STD stations added (STD facility has been provided to all the District Hqs., Sub Divisional Hqs.	498